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REQUEST FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Sir:

The Applicant, through its attorney, herewith requests that the subject patent application be granted **Small Entity Status**.

Respectfully submitted,

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